

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 322

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to membership of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570.1, relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for
3 the Parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to membership on the
4 commission; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:4570.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §4570.1. Board of commissioners; officers; quorum; employees

11 A. The commission shall be composed of three ex officio members and ~~six~~
12 nine appointed members for a total of ~~nine~~ twelve commissioners. The ex officio
13 members shall be the mayor-president, or an officer or employee of the city or parish
14 designated by the mayor-president from time to time; a member of the school board
15 of East Baton Rouge Parish, designated by the school board for a term coincident
16 with his term on the school board; and a member of the planning commission
17 designated by the planning commission for a term coincident with his term on the
18 planning commission. The ~~six~~ nine appointed members shall be qualified voters of
19 the parish appointed by the metropolitan council for terms of three years. The
20 metropolitan council shall make appointments so that no more than one resident of

1 each of the following municipalities is a member of the board: Baker, Zachary, and
2 Central. The metropolitan council shall appoint the members from each such
3 municipality from a list of nominations submitted by the mayor of the respective
4 municipality. Vacancies shall be filled by the designating or appointing body for the
5 unexpired portion of the term. All commission members shall serve without
6 compensation.

7 B. The commission shall elect from the ~~six~~ nine appointed members a
8 chairman, a vice chairman, and a treasurer whose terms of office shall be one year.
9 However, no member appointed from the municipalities of Baker, Zachary, or
10 Central shall serve as an officer of the commission. ~~Four~~ Seven members shall
11 constitute a quorum of the commission for all purposes. The commission shall have
12 the power and authority to name and employ a person who shall be designated as
13 superintendent of the commission, who shall not be a member of the commission,
14 and who shall be ex officio secretary of the commission, and to prescribe and pay an
15 annual salary to the superintendent.

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2012.

DIGEST

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Richardson

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Abstract: Relative to the membership of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC), adds three appointed members and requires representation of certain municipalities.

Present law creates the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) as a subdivision of the state to plan, own, and operate public recreational and park facilities in the parish. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the commission is comprised of nine members, six of whom are appointed by the city-parish governing authority and three of whom are ex officio members. The three ex officio members are the mayor-president or his designee, a member of the East Baton Rouge school board designated by the school board, and a member of the planning commission designated by the planning commission.

Proposed law increases the membership of the commission from nine to 12 by increasing the number of appointed members from six to nine. Adds a requirement that appointments be made so that the commission includes not more than one resident of Baker, Zachary, and

Central, who must be nominated by the mayor of the respective municipality. Proposed law increases the number of members required for a quorum from four to seven. Proposed law otherwise retains present law relative to ex officio members.

Present law requires election of a chairman, vice chairman, and a treasurer from among the appointed members of the commission. Proposed law prohibits a resident of Baker, Zachary, or Central from serving as an officer; otherwise retains present law.

Effective January 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 33:4570.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill.

1. Restores provisions of present law that provide that a member of the city-parish planning commission designated by the city-parish planning commission shall be an ex officio member of BREC.
2. Further increases the number of members appointed to BREC by the city-parish governing authority from seven to nine.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Relative to the members of the commission from Baker, Zachary, and Central:
(a) provides that not more than one, rather than at least one, member be appointed from each municipality, (b) requires that any such appointments be made from nominations submitted by the mayor of the respective municipality, and (c) prohibits such a member from serving as an officer of the commission.